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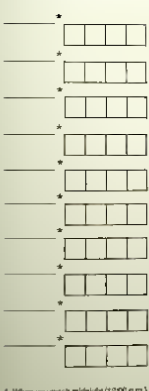

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AR#20732 17-10-89 Littlehampton, UK - Headmaster Nigel Chalmondeley reporting to the main building of Littleham, ton private school for boys, found that every door in the interior of the building had been knicked up overnight. At first attributed to a schoolboy prank, the work was soon seen to be of a professional quality. There are no tricksters among the boys' families.

AR#20733 17-10-89, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica - The pilot of a private aircraft, flying over the snowcapped southern continent, reported on his arrival back in Christchurch, New Zealand, that he had seen a hole open up in the snowcap and what, peared to him to be a flying saucer emerge from deep under the ice. He tried to chase it but the "saucer" flew too fast for him to keep up with it. After being teased for "seeing things," the pilot, aircraft enthusiast Werner Michaels, has refused to discuss the matter further.

AR#20734 16-10-89, Moorland, Colorado - The small river that runs through this mountain town turned vivid blue today for no reason that can be discovered. The color—described by one man as that of his wife's best party dress—changed the color of the water for approximately one hour. When the river sank back into the earth, the color was carried with it, leaving nothing for investigators to study.

AR#20735 19-10-89, Kraaibul, South Africa - The small tribe residing on the outskirts of this township that was reported last year (see AR#17964) as having turned into a group of "zombies" has been found by South African public health officials to have apparently returned to "normal". The trances, which kept members of the tribe from doing anything for themselves, have worn off. There were no children born in the tribe for the past six months, although there are now two pregnant women who expect to deliver in January.

AR#20736 19-10-89, Waterloo, Belgium - Residents of this small suburb of Brussels are puzzled about the peculiar rain of frogs that apparently fell on its marketplace. They report that the sky clouded up suddenly and frogs began to fall. As they landed on the ground, the amphibians hopped away rapidly, too fast for anyone to catch. Within five minutes, the sky was clear again, and the frogs were all gone.

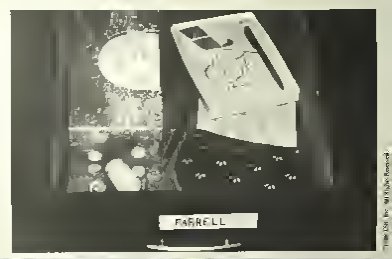
AR#20737 20-10-89, Hana Bay, Hawaii - The Hana Sea Institute, a private research facility run by Dr. Lloyd Henstrom, was demolished by fire following an explosion. The area around the institute has been rife with rumors of strange events for many months, including one that Dr. Henstrom has trained a giant octopus as an attack animal. Arson is suspected. The institute was started in 1982 to investigate deep-sea life in the Hawaiian archipelago.

AR#20738 21-10-89, Swan Hill, Australia - An amateur astronomer in this little town on the northern edge of the state of Victoria reports that three nights running he has seen distant flashes of light apparently originating in the crowded portion of the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. He speculates that an alien race has decided to mine the vast mineral deposits that are to be found in the asteroids.

AR#20739 21-10-89, Chrudim, Czechoslovakia - A statue of the Madonna that stands in the church of St. George in this small town east of Prague is glowing in the dark. The statue, at least 150 years old, has never glowed before. But for weeks the curate at the church has been going into the sanctuary at night and watching the Madonna's glow become brighter and brighter. Government officials who disapprove of religion insist that the curate is an alcoholic who sees the glow only after drinking too much vodka. They demand that the statue be taken from the church and turned over to the national science institute for study.

AR#20740 22-10-89, Moscow, USSR - Soviet chess champion Georgi Alexeyevich Rastov withdrew from the finals of the International Chess Tournament with no reason given. He has held the lead in the tournament since the first game and was expected by expert observers here to win. Rastov has been known to mumble sharp criticisms of the timers and other judges in the tournament, which has been played annually since 1895.

AR#20741 23-10-89, Aberdeen, Scotland - A genetics laboratory working under P4 conditions (the most stringent level of sterility) is trying to find the source of a reported outbreak of severe diarrhea among cattle in this area. The cattle are reported to be found to the ground under the [illegible] experiments in progress, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



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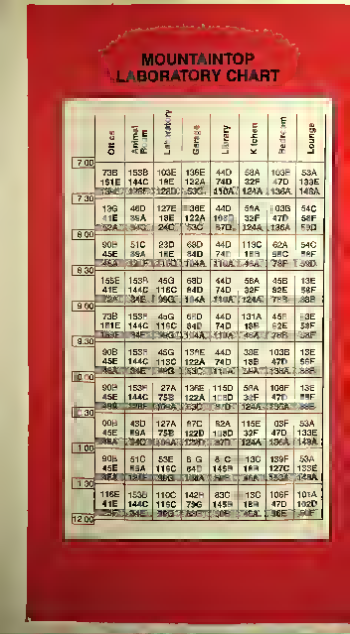
Dear Jack,

Your valentine card was great! Thanks. I hope you received mine in time. I'm sorry it's a little difficult to get mail away from this place. Unhappily, I guess I shouldn't have a job that. I can just hear you now: "Be nice, I tell you there is nothing strange about working in such isolation!"

But the work is progressing Jack! We've been playing around with some ideas lately, and I have managed to invent genes that make carnivorous digestive enzymes. It is doing perfectly. Of course it doesn't have any real purpose, but it was an interesting accomplishment. I also altered it with a blue marking marker that I wont ever know if it reproduces or the blue dye properly. After getting angry when she saw what we were doing, Cecilia let a week of time. I told her it would be helpful in our main work, but she just gobbled the samples and said she would dispose of them. I assume she did. Haven't seen them since.

Anyway, some of the techniques we used - especially Dana's way of cutting DNA sections - will be useful in the main - stabilizer enzymes were work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When a stranger dies in a chamber that can't be entered in a way that can't happen and for no apparent reason authorities call in YOU Sebastian Cord the Orion Foundation's top Special Intelligence agent to help solve the case

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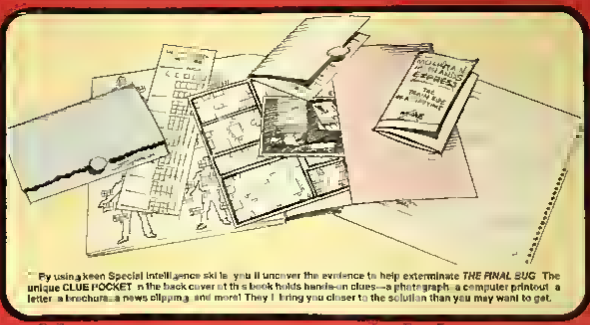

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230 MEXICAN NATIVES DIE IN FACTORY BLAZE

NEW YORK (ES) — The entire male segment of a remote Mexican Indian tribe died recently in an unexplained factory fire west of Hidalgo del Parral in Mexico.

According to Dr. Tom Dorsett who had been researching in that region and who earlier this week submitted papers to the *New England Journal of Medical Inquiry* the Cima Fabricacion factory hired the men a few weeks before the blaze occurred, and none but the natives died in the fire.

Mexican authorities at the request of the Medical Association of Mexico had earlier ordered the factory officials to comply with Dorsett's request for employee blood samples. He made the request after finding what he called disturbing results in earlier tests. He was returning to the mountain location to obtain the samples when he learned of the deaths and the factory's destruction.

Dorsett had been researching stress among Mexican Indians who have moved from isolated settings to the workplace. He was drawn to the factory last month when he discovered that the usually strong willed natives showed unheard of compliance with their employers orders.

Wondering if their attitude had some physical origin Dorsett requested permission of the factory management to carry out his tests. Officials of the factory which is owned by an international mega bina headquartered in Panama, had refused his request, and refuse to discuss the fire's cause.

I also tried to talk to the workers families. Dorsett said in telephone interview today but they had all scattered back into the mountains after the fire.

This is only a quick glimpse at Wale's silent subversion—one of many scenes taking place on the globe. Sebastian Cora has failed in exterminate *THE FINAL BUST*

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